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TO AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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TAGS: OREP (MEISSNER AND FREEMAN)

SUBJECT: STAFFDEL MEISSNER/FREEMAN

REF: VIENNA 2419, STATE 52609, AIRGRAM A-1062

1. THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM FROM CHARLES MEISSNER, PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER OF SFRC HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT TOGETHER WITH A REQUEST FROM THE SFRC FOR A CLARIFICATION OF 19FT510 FUND CHARGES IN THE NAMES OF MEISSNER AND FREEMAN:

BEGIN QUOTE

NO TRANSPORT IN VIENNA WAS REQUESTED. HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY DID MEET US ON SUNDAY, MARCH 13 AT THE AIRPORT AND PROVIDE TRANSPORT TO OUR DOWNTOWN HOTEL. SUNDAY NIGHT THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION USED A CAR TO AND FROM A DINNER AT THE ECONOMIC COUNSELOR'S HOME. TRANSPORT WAS ALSO PROVIDED FOR EXECUTIVE BRANCH MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION.  
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TION TO IDA V. SIMILARLY, TRANSPORT WAS AVAILABLE TO THE ENTIRE U.S. GOVERNMENT DELEGATION TO TRANSIT TO AND FROM MEETINGS. ONLY ON THE FIRST MORNING DID CONSTANCE FREEMAN OR I AVAIL OURSELVES TO THIS SERVICE. WE WALKED AT ALL OTHER TIMES.

NEITHER CONSTANCE FREEMAN NOR I REQUESTED TRANSPORT DURING

OUR STAY IN VIENNA. THE EMBASSY PROVIDED TRANSPORT TO THE AIRPORT UPON DEPARTURE. WE WERE SPECIFICALLY TOLD THAT THERE WAS NO CHARGE FOR USE OF EMBASSY CARS DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS. WE DEPARTED OUR HOTEL WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 AT 9:30 A.M.

I DO NOT KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT CONGRESSMAN NEAL OR DEFALCO USED EMBASSY VEHICLES. THE CHARGES SEEM TO REFLECT A PRO-RATING OF TRANSPORT EXPENDITURES TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION IRRESPECTIVE OF USE. IT IS UP TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE IF IT WISHES TO ACCEPT SUCH A BILLING.

END QUOTE

2. SFRC HAS INDICATED THAT IT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT WISH TO ACCEPT BILLING REFERRED TO IN LAST SENTENCE.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY CABLE RESPONSE ASAP FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SFRC.  
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